

Supervisor Lesko, Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld and Town Board Honor Ward Melville H.S. Students for Award-winning Anti-Bullying Video

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Pictured (front row) are Ward Melville High School students Kevin Kurilik, Alexis Fallon, Michelle Clarkson and Teacher Jennifer Trettner. Pictured (back row) are Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Deputy Supervisor / Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Councilman Daniel Panico and Councilman Tim Mazzei.

Every 7 - Anti-Bullying Video



Farmingville, NY - At the May 24 Board Meeting, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld and the Town Board honored students from Ward Melville High School who contributed their talents to produce the award-winning anti-bullying video "Every Seven", because every seven minutes a student is bullied. The video depicts real stories of teenage bullying, with the goal of raising awareness of the effects of bullying.

"I congratulate the talented students in Ms. Jennifer Trettner's class at Ward-Melville High School for their award-winning achievement and for raising awareness about bullying," said Supervisor Lesko, "These students have helped their peers to recognize bullying in all of its forms and understand its devastating consequences."

Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld said, "It's important that our young people realize the negative implications of bullying, whether it is face-to-face or on the internet. I commend all the students who produced this award-winning video and Ms. Trettner for her guidance, and I hope that many young people will see it and take a stand against bullying."

The students won Best in Show at the Long Island Media Arts Festival, showed the film at the Huntington Cinema Arts Center, and were invited to have the video shown at the First Annual Student and Youth Film Project at the Patchogue Theatre. They will be entering the film in the Westhampton Film Festival. The following students were recognized by the Town Board for their work on the film: Kevin Kiriluk, Alexis Fallon, Camryn Baum and Michelle Clarkson, and Ward Melville High School graduates who worked on the video last year Justin Suazo, Jeff Stern and Andrew Visconti. The students created the film with the guidance of Ward Melville's Chairperson for Art and Technology Jennifer Trettner.

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